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REV. SIDES PREACHES ABLE SERMON.

St. Paul's Church Making Good Progress—Pipe Organ a Feature.

Rev. J. H. Sydes of St. Paul's A. M. E. church, preached quite an able sermon last Sunday at 11 a. m. His text was chosen from John the Revelator. "I saw a strange angel in heaven, crying aloud, saying: who is worthy to unloose the Book of the Seven seals?"

His discourse was logical, fervent, and spiritual. After the regular services very beautiful and solemn memorial services were held out of respect for the late lamented Bishop Grant.

At 7:45 o'clock Dr. Virden of the State Board of Charities delivered a most excellent address, full of oratory, eloquence and information. Dr. Virden is pronounced an orator of repute. The choir rendered most entrancing music. Monday evening Mr. Jackson and wife entertained a large crowd with a moving picture lecture, presenting the life of Moses and the Holy City to great advantage. Their show, the music and songs, were most excellent. Their pictures and scenes were superlatively grand. Tuesday and Wednesday evenings they showed at Union Baptist and Pleasant Grove churches respectively.

H. O. McGrue for Commissioner.

Among the very prominent and latest men to announce for Commissioner is Alderman H. O. McGrue from the Fifth ward. Mr. McGrue is too well known for much elaborate mention. He was born and reared here in the city and a resident of one ward for forty-nine years. He is a business man, being the proprietor of the planing mills at Ninth and Adams streets. Mr. McGrue's record in the Council is very good. He has always advocated the best legislation and economy. He believes in law enforcement and justice meted out to all. Mr. McGrue has always been fair on those questions relating to the consideration and recognition of all men, regardless of race, creed or nationality. He is a man who gives employment to a large number of men and also gives Colored people employment. That Mr. McGrue will make a good man for the place is beyond question. He has both the ability and the experience, therefore we commend him to you for your most earnest consideration. The Colored people are aware of the fact that the best men from every standpoint are the men for them to vote for—men who are not afraid to stand for the right amidst the most trying crisis.

St. John's A. M. E. Church.

The program to be rendered at St. John's A. M. E. church on Thursday evening, Feb. 9, 1911, is given under the auspices of the Stewardess Board, and promises to be a rare treat. Admission 10 cents, and the one holding the lucky number will receive a handsome salad dish.

Mrs. Lucretia Dammon, President; Mrs. Luella Gray, Secretary.

A New Star in the Constellation.

Hqn. W. J. Butler, whose announcement appears elsewhere in this paper, for the office of commissioner, needs no introduction. He was born, educated and reared here. He is a lawyer and graduated from Harvard. His position on all public questions is known. He is truly a man and has friends innumerable. He held many high and responsible positions and stoops to no cliques or clans. He fought many a relentless fight for his party and for Springfield and will no doubt receive as high if not the highest vote on the ticket. What we say about Mr. Butler needs no emphasis—this is no exaggeration—he is a man and a manly man. He is the bright luminary, shining with such brilliancy that he cannot be missed. To you, dear people, we ask the highest admiration and endorsement for him, the Hon. William J. Butler, in whom we know you are well pleased.

Jno. O. Rames for Commissioner.

Mr. Rames is a product of the city, educated in its schools, a thorough and competent business man, worthy in every particular of the support of all citizens that stand for clean politics and good government. Mr. Rames is at present teller in the Farmers' National Bank. His position is sug-

gestive of competency. He would make an ideal Commissioner. His business training will enable him to perform invaluable service to the citizens, regardless of color or creed. He is just, and will administer the functions of his office impartially. A vote for Mr. Rames is a vote for the right man. He has no political boss to command him, but is running on his merits. Mr. Rames will receive a large percentage of the Negro vote, because they know his worth and fairness.

WITH THE SICK.

Mrs. Chas. Barton is ill at her home on East Capitol avenue.

Mrs. Etta Harvey is rapidly recovering from an attack of la grippe.

Mrs. Lillian Payne, of East Mason street, is confined to her home with illness.

Mrs. J. C. McClain has recovered.

Mr. Will Cansler is on the sick list.

Mr. Frank Coleman was somewhat improved at last report.

Rev. E. T. Cottman is on the sick list.

Mrs. O. P. Berry is improving. Mrs. Chas. Brown is somewhat improved.

James Quinn for Commissioner.

Mr. Jas. Quinn, whose announcement appears elsewhere in our paper, is a candidate for commissioner and a man of the best reputation. Mr. Quinn has lived here practically all of his life and owns considerable property at 12th and Capitol avenue and vicinity. Mr. Quinn is highly recommended by some of the best colored and white citizens of the city who have known him for years. He is a man who believes all men should have a square deal—he treats all the same—knows no man by his color or position, but by the individual's worth and self respect. Mr. Quinn has run a store at 12th and Capitol avenue for the past twelve years and the people who have dealt with him say he is not only a fit man for the place but a good citizen, sustaining the best reputation.

Mr. Quinn is from the Sixth ward and we need a good honest business man to look after the Big Sixth.

Mr. Frank Macpherson of the Boston Store, a Candidate.

Young Mr. Frank Macpherson of the Boston Store, is a candidate for commissioner. Mr. Macpherson is not a politician, but essentially a business man, being in charge of affairs of this noted enterprise on the east side of the square. He was reared here, and attended the schools of the city, graduating from the high school. The fact that under the commission form a man's ability to handle a private business or that of a corporation is the only real test of his fitness places this young man among the fittest of the whole galaxy. He is well known and his accomplishments are not in the equation—that being well nigh beyond question. It does not take a man versed in politics or schemes, to make a good commissioner, but on the contrary, he must be versed in business management and have a good education and he should have a good character. He should also be a man who believes in the fair and square deal being done by all, the most humble as well as the most exalted. We have reason to believe that Mr. Macpherson is a man of this type. There is nothing to the contrary. So far as the colored people are concerned, they are for such men.

SOCIALLY SPEAKING.

Mrs. Joe Morgan of West Williams street was hostess to the Every Wednesday Card Club last week.

A reception was tendered the trustees of St. John A. M. E. church on Thursday evening. The affair was quite elaborate.

Mrs. Solomon White, of East Reynolds street, will be hostess to the Don't Worry Club, Wednesday.

Miss Amanda Wells entertained the Young People's Progressive Club last Friday.

Miss Ethel White entertained Miss Blossom Barton at luncheon Sunday.

At the Dubois Lyceum.

The following program was rendered by the Dubois Lyceum at Pleasant Grove Church Feb. 2: Instrumental Solo—Miss G. J. Nelson.

Voice—Miss Laura Wilson.

Paper—Rev. E. Hall.

Recitation—Mrs. Anna Page.

Quartet—Henry Alexander, Viola Alexander, James Gentry and Noble Alexander.

Round Table topic, "What does it take to make good citizens?"

Today is Saturday, pay for THE FORUM.

Abe Barker for Commissioner.



Mr. Abe Barker, a candidate for commissioner, is a business man of long and good repute. For twenty years he has been in business, giving much employment to the colored and other laboring people. Mr. Barker, whose announcement appears today, is a large tax-payer and can be relied upon to administer the affairs economically and equitably if elected. We commend him to you and advise you to study him as to his fitness for the place. He will, as a matter of fact, see to it that every poor working man has a chance to earn an honest living if it lies within the radius of his power.

Prominent Business Man Dies Suddenly.

J. C. Klaholt, the jeweler, well known and liked, for many years in business here, born in this city about 55 years ago, died suddenly Sunday. Mr. Klaholt was highly respected, and quite a valuable asset to the city. His death is a distinct loss. Man that is born of woman is of a few days and full of trouble.

Y. M. C. A. to Be a Success.

The colored Y. M. C. A. has taken another start. A few young men met at the Forum office last Sunday and organized a band of workers who are to get fifty more with \$1.00 each by Sunday, Feb. 5, to make the first start, rent a room and proceed for the year. The next meeting is Sunday, Feb. 5, at 4 p. m. at 119 North Eighth street. All men invited. Those present were: A. M. Williams, H. B. Hughes, C. Fields, C. S. Clemm, Capt. R. A. Byrd, E. L. Rogers and J. Harold White.

Roy R. Reece for Commissioner.

Mr. Roy R. Reece, son of former Adj.-Gen. J. N. Reece, is a Springfield young man, who was reared and educated here in the public schools. He needs no introduction to the voters. For several years he served as Assistant Adjutant General. He was elected mayor to fill out the unexpired term of the late David S. Griffiths and served nearly two years in that capacity. Mr. Reece has always been considerate and strove to give every man a chance to earn a dollar. When he was Assistant Adjutant General he befriended many, and he was always highly thought of and admired by his friends. He endeavored to carry out the program mapped out by D. S. Griffiths and was, to a great extent, hampered on account of promises previously made. He is a business man, being proprietor of Reece's Laundry; has always given some colored men employment. This young man aspires for commissioner, feeling that his record in public life is proof sufficient for his competency. His friends know him from a personal view point and know his disposition. He is therefore announcing and soliciting your aid.

General Joseph Vance.

General Joseph Vance, whose announcement as a candidate for commissioner appears in today's Forum, is a veteran of the Civil War. He was Adjutant General under three governors of Illinois, and served on the commission that located Camp Lincoln as the permanent camp of the Illinois National Guard.

During his administration the first battalion of colored troops was organized. He has been prominent in the upbuilding of Springfield and a large employer of colored labor during the past twenty years. He does not ask a single vote at the expense of Mr. Gibbs, the colored people's candidate for commissioner, but as there are eight persons to be nominated for that office, he submits his name for their consideration.

At St. Paul's.

For that Centennial Celebration at St. Paul A. M. E. church, Feb. 13, you will please go on time. Have you conceived the fact that that is going to be the greatest thing we have ever before had? Well, it is. Come early for the program is to open at 8 p. m. sharp. The admission will be only 10c. There will be no reserved seats. The first will be first—and conversely.

Charles F. Clapp for Commissioner.

Mr. Charles F. Clapp, a candidate for Commissioner, is a well known resident of the city and quite a genial man. He is not a politician from the common acceptance of the term, but strictly a business man, highly recommended and is thoroughly competent to fill the position creditably, honorably and economically.

For fourteen years he has held a responsible position at the plow works, Ninth and South Grand avenue, which position calls for ability and integrity. The Colored boys who know him commend him highly and say he is a man who believes in giving every man a square deal.

MR. CHAS. LINK FOR COMMISSIONER.

Mr. Chas. F. Link, of the firm of Van Horn & Link, south side square, a prominent business man, is a candidate for Commissioner and announces in The Forum this week. Mr. Link has been in business on the south side for twenty years and is too well known for a long write up. He is a progressive man and is allied with the element that believes in law enforcement and order. As a business man and taxpayer, he is a desirable man. His competency is beyond question, because it is a self-evident fact that he is able to meet the demands of the office. Mr. Link served as a member of the Board of Supervisors from the township and made one of the best members of that body. The Colored vote should study the conditions here and be careful in their selections of men. They are aware of the fact that were business men and taxpayers such as Mr. Link in charge of our affairs political, there would be serene times and no great uncalculated catastrophes occurring. Mr. Link is so well known to our readers that we simply desire to present his name, believing that with this class of men elected, all will be treated fair and a great revolution will take place.

MR. ALFRED BOOTH FOR COMMISSIONER.

The subject of this sketch is a business man and a man whose interests are great. He is not an office seeker and not a politician in the common acceptance of the term. We all know Mr. Booth who ran a grocery on East Monroe street for years and who now has his business on East Capitol avenue. It is a good sign of a brighter and better day when this class of men are willing to lay aside their business affairs and take the responsibility upon themselves to operate the affairs of a great city such as is Springfield. Mr. Booth is a man that the whole people believe will be absolutely on the square. The Colored people have always found this class of men to be in favor of doing justice to all. It is not the good, respectable people who would crush down the weak. These men stand for right and justice and equality before the law. Mr. Booth's record places him in the category of men who are safe and sane and trustworthy. Believing as we do that he is worthy of your support and that if elected every class of citizens and every righteous cause will have a fair hearing, we present this sketch.

Y. M. C. A. Elects Officers.

The Colored Young Men's Christian Association completed the work of electing officers last Thursday evening. The officers in full are: Capt. R. A. Byrd, President; B. H. Lucas, Vice President; E. L. Rogers, Acting General Secretary; E. T. Gorum, Financial Secretary; A. M. Williams, Treasurer. The other committees and boards will be assigned and named later. A rousing meeting will be held at Masonic Hall Sunday at 4 p. m. The public (men) are urged out. Springfield is going to emulate Chicago. Will you come over in "Macedonia and help?"

E. L. ROGERS, Sec'y.

Registration Notice.

Next Tuesday is Registration Day. If you desire to vote see that you are registered in the precinct in which you live. Don't forget, Feb. 7th.

OUR SEVENTH BIRTHDAY EDITION.

Will Be Out in Elaborate Style Saturday, Feb. 18th.

On Saturday, Feb. 18, the Forum will be seven years old, having made its debut in the journalistic arena Feb. 12, 1904, and missed only three Saturdays since that time, two editions having been missed Aug. 22 and 29, 1908, and one Dec. 17, 1910.

In honor of our seventh year of existence, we desire to put on a few finishing touches and issue a big edition, with several hundred extra copies. We shall also have some special poems and articles by some of our literary contributors and a reproduction of our staff at that time and some of our articles. We shall be pleased to get some kind of an ad from every colored business man and many of our white business firms who generally rally to these efforts. We shall also be pleased to give special space to candidates, who may desire to state their platforms. We give better and larger write-ups than any paper in the city for the price as the records will show. Therefore, all business men and candidates desiring space in this special edition need not wait for our representative to call, but send in your cut and your matter to the Forum, 119 North Eighth street. Telephone Old 3806.

E. L. Rogers, Manager.

Residence phone, Old 4622.

SEELEY'S RECORD.

Was City Attorney for Six Years.

City Attorney Roy M. Seeley, who has served in that capacity for six years, making an enviable record as a public official, is a candidate for Mayor under the new form. Mr. Seeley is running on his record and experience in public life and offers that record as a guaranty of his competency and business sagacity.

Mr. Seeley has looked strictly after the city's affairs and there is no complaint on him whatsoever for any negligence or dereliction of duty while in office.

He is a young man and well liked by his host of friends.

Mr. Seeley, during the six years now about to close, has less said against him on that question of graft than any other official of the city in the past ten or fifteen years. So far as can be ascertained he has made a clean record as an official.

So far as his ability and experience are concerned, that is not questionable. His record while in office is his platform.

MORTUARY.

Mrs. Lucile Giles, wife of David Giles, the dairyman, and daughter of Prof. A. L. Stewart, died Tuesday morning of this week about 7 a. m. The funeral was held at the residence in the west end of town Thursday at 2:30 p. m. Rev. W. N. Tobie officiating. The interment was made in Oak Ridge. Family has public sympathy. Requiescat in pace.

A CAPABLE MAN.

W. E. Robinson for Commissioner.

Again we call our readers' attention to Mr. W. E. Robinson's candidacy for Commissioner. He is at present alderman from the Fourth Ward and stands for the highest ideals in politics. He is strictly a business man, having been in charge of one of the greatest financial institutions in the State for the past twelve years, the Court of Honor. We find him to be an affable man and well versed in city affairs. Our readers will give him consideration and investigate his record. The Fourth ward gave him a majority of 715 for alderman last April.

Wilberforce Uni. Program.

Last Sunday was "Wilberforce Day" at St. John A. M. E. church and a very excellent literary program was rendered. A collection of \$14.00 for education was raised. The participants acquitted themselves creditably.

Chas. Brown Dies at St. John's Hospital.

Mr. Charles Brown, of Fifteenth and Kansas streets, died at St. John's Hospital early yesterday morning. He was well known and highly respected. He leaves a wife and three children. Funeral will be held tomorrow at 2:30 o'clock at St. John A. M. E. church, Fourteenth and Mason streets.

H. B. Davidson for Commissioner.

H. B. Davidson, the well known carriage and wagon manufacturer of Sixth and Jefferson streets, who is a candidate for Commissioner, needs no introduction to the business men of Springfield. He has been in business here for many years, his reputation as an honest, honorable business man is well known. Mr. Davidson has a wide circle of friends who are supporting him for the position, men who know that in him they would have an honorable, conscientious public official.

one who, if elected, would devote his entire time to the interests of the City of Springfield.

The Colored citizens as well as the white recognize in him a man to be trusted, and we are glad to endorse as worthy a candidate as H. B. Davidson.

John F. Bretz, Prominent Contractor, for Commissioner.

Mr. John F. Bretz, who resides on North Fifth street, is a prominent business man who has lived in the city for years, is too well known to need much introduction. His business career has enabled him to become so well and favorably known to the people that we hardly know just how to write "him up." He has been conspicuous for his good traits. He works large gangs of men in the paving and concreting business, and the Colored people have received better and fairer consideration at his hands than probably any other man in a like position in the city. He does not only give them good wages and good employment, but good treatment and the best chance. His experience as a business man eminently fits him for such a position. He is thoroughly competent. No other man on the ticket will receive better consideration from the Colored vote than Mr. Bretz, who has been for a large host of them their rod and their staff. He has befriended many of them when it took men of courage to speak and act, and his name is sweet in their ears, and the recollection of his good traits shall be to him as bread which was cast upon the waters. Shakespeare said: "Good name in man or woman dear, my Lord, is the immediate jewel of the soul."

Mr. Bretz retired from business six years ago.

Mr. Bretz was the first man to give Colored people work on the streets of this city.

Basil W. Ogg.

We take great pleasure in presenting to the readers of The Forum Mr. Basil W. Ogg of South College street. A young man of the highest repute who is a candidate for Commissioner. Mr. Ogg comes highly recommended and has proven that he is worthy of note by working up a substantial business. He is the proprietor of the Four Hundred Cigar and is the manufacturer of the same. If elected a Commissioner he will prove equally as successful, no doubt, in the affairs of the city as he has proven in his business. He is a young man of sterling qualities and believes equality before the law for every man. He is too well known for much laudation. We interviewed several men and they speak in the highest terms of this young man.

The Colored vote will be cast for men this time and we hope every reader of this article will make a thorough investigation and give Mr. Ogg's candidacy due consideration and give him a fair deal.

From South Africa.

Rev. D. E. Murff and wife, who have been in Capetown for the past five or six years, doing missionary work, desire to return home on account of the illness of Rev. Murff.

L. REIC SCHOCEI RECITAL.

At the New Hope Baptist Church, Monday Night, Feb. 6.

This promises to be the best and most attractive program rendered by Mr. Schocei up to the present time in Springfield. Admission, adults 15 cents, children 10 cents. Tickets on sale at the Forum office and in the hands of the committee.

Program.

Poet and Peasant Overture—Prof. Schocei and Prof. Lambke.
The Swallows—Miss May Nelson.
Coquette—Mazurka—Miss Ethel White.
"Still as the Night"—Miss Alberta Moore.
Menuet, Op. 14—Mrs. J. B. Lee.
Anchored—Mrs. Rosie Hunter.
Campus March—Miss Lucille Elliott.
"Hark, Hark my Soul"—Prof. Schocei and Dr. Ware.
Pure as Snow—Miss Ona Moss.
Garrigue—Miss Alberta Moore.
"Lucia de Lammermoor"—Leschetzky.
"Concertstück, Op. 79"—Prof. Schocei.
Ten minute address—Attorney C. S. Gibbs.
Committee—Miss Lora Logan, Mrs. H. K. Wilson, Mr. Mildred Johnson, Miss Georgia Osby, Mrs. Maude Nolan and Mr. Monroe Leavella.